MORNING APPEAL

THURSDAY ... FEBRUARY 13

JONES' LUCK-

Verdenal, the New York corres pondent of the San Francisco Chronicle, writes the annexed:

"Jones' luck as usual," remarked a visiting Californian the other afternoon to a New Yorker. Being asked to explain he said: "I was referring to John P. Jones, the Senator from Nevada. He always stumbles upon fortune without haif trying. Jones has always stood in with the boys, so when the boys hear of anything good they are willing to tell Jones of it. Last Spring one of his old Trinity county chums wrote him about a big mine that was being opened up in Idaho. He said it looked like another Comstock world beater. Jones gets letters of that kind frequently. Sometimes he looks them up and sometimes he doesn't. This time his instinct told him he ought to look into it, either in person or vicariously. He decided upon the latter, sent the letter to Brother Sam, who was bidden to return to the front, investigate and bond if necessary. Brother Sam liked it so well that he took a short bond at \$250,000, and while he was at it he purchased a piece of patented ground adjoining for \$35,000. It was claimed to be an extension of the big mine.

Well, Jones wasn't very flush of ready money about the time the time the bond became due, so Jim Fair sent him on a \$250,000 draft, which arrived an hour before the time when the bond expired. Jones offered the draft, but the owners claimed that the bond stipulated "gold coin," and they wouldn't accept even a draft that was as good as gold. So Jones lost his bond and mine. That wasn't Jones' luck, but, wait a moment, when the surveyors began to run the lines on the patented ground Jones had bought they took in four-fifths of the big bonanza. That was where his luck came in. Now, Jones 18 a pretty good sort of a man, so he called the benanza owners together and showed them the cold, pizen facts, as old Gashwiler used to say, and, rather than have a long lawsuit, offered them \$150,000 for their claim. They have it under consideration now. Meanwhile they have opened up a seventy-foot vein of Comstock, with ore that goes over \$100 per ton. Think of it!"

LIGHT CATTLE LOSSES. -- John Sparks, of Sparks & Tinnin, the greatest of all the great cattle firms on the Pacific Coast, arrived in Reno vesterday merning from the range country in Eastern Nevada and Southern Idaho. He has ridden 400 miles in the saddle since the 11th of January, and says there has been two seasons when the losces were greater then for the present season. He does not think the losses on all their range country will amount to ten per cent. The Chinook wind left the hills high and dry and the cattle had plenty to browse upon and as a result there is no loss to speak of. Sparks has been riding from Elko into Southern Idaho, and is well pleased that the great firm, of which he is the leading member, has escaped so luckily. He asserts, beyen I question, that he Neva a ranges will not loose ten per cent., on the average, and that No vada is the best range country, storms or ne storms, in the United States.

Dakota knocked out its lottery scheme by one vote. The scheme fell through because people fought it on the ground that a lot of outsiders were interested and they didn't want Louisiana in there. In this State it was killed on the ground that a lot of mee in Virginia City were "going to make it all." The moral lesson herein inculcated is very striking and means that if you want to start a lottery you must let nearly everybody you know in on the deal, including the preachers.

A California burglar recently stole Governor Waterman's purse He refrained from taking his good name, because he probably didn't consider such a triffe worth the trouble.

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